

U.S. Mission to the United Arab Emirates
U.S. Embassy Abu Dhabi – U.S. Consulate General Dubai
Emergency Message #1/2013 for U.S. Citizens: Worldwide Caution

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1. The Department of State has issued this Worldwide Caution to update information on the continuing threat of terrorist actions and violence against U.S. citizens and interests throughout the world. U.S. citizens are reminded to maintain a high level of vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness. This replaces the Worldwide Caution dated July 18, 2012, to provide updated information on security threats and terrorist activities worldwide.
2. The Department of State remains concerned about the continued threat of terrorist attacks, demonstrations, and other violent actions against U.S. citizens and interests overseas. Current information suggests that al-Qaida, its affiliated organizations, and other terrorist organizations continue to plan terrorist attacks against U.S. interests in multiple regions, including Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. These attacks may employ a wide variety of tactics including suicide operations, assassinations, kidnappings, hijackings, and bombings.
3. Extremists may elect to use conventional or non-conventional weapons, and target both official and private interests. Examples of such targets include high-profile sporting events, residential areas, business offices, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, schools, public areas, and other tourist destinations both in the United States and abroad where U.S. citizens gather in large numbers, including during holidays.
4. U.S. citizens are reminded of the potential for terrorists to attack public transportation systems and other tourist infrastructure. Extremists have targeted and attempted attacks on subway and rail systems, aviation, and maritime services. In the past, these types of attacks have occurred in cities such as Moscow, London, Madrid, Glasgow, and New York City.

The remaining text of the Worldwide Caution, including region specific guidance, can be read at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_4787.html

In the event of an emergency, such as the death or arrest of a U.S. citizen, the Embassy and U.S. Consulate General in Dubai stand ready to assist 24 hours a day. The U.S. Consulate General in Dubai is located at the corner of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed and Al Seef Streets on the Dubai Creek in Bur Dubai. The telephone number at the Consulate General is (971) (4) 309-4000. The web site for the U.S. Consulate General in Dubai is <http://dubai.usconsulate.gov/>

For after-hours emergencies involving U.S. citizens in Dubai and the Northern Emirates, contact the Consulate General's Duty Officer at (971)(4) 309-4000.

The U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi is located at Embassies District, Plot 38, Sector W59-02, Street No. 4, and P.O. Box 4009. The telephone number is (971) (2) 414-2200. Information regarding services to U.S. citizens can be obtained at the Embassy's web site at <http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov>.

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